

CLAIMS

5 1 – A method for increasing the capacity of signal transmission systems comprising N_T users, a single-piece receiver receiving the mixture of signals originating from the N_T users, characterized in that it includes at least the following steps :

10 a) determining a qualitative information $Info(Qs)$ of the symbols estimated for each of the N_T users,

 b) transmitting this information $Info(Qs)$ to a processing block receiving an a priori information and designed to generate a quality information, $Info(Qbs)$, on the bits forming the symbols,

 c) transmitting the $Info(Qbs)$ to a decoding step to obtain a qualitative information on the encoded bits and $Info(Qbu)$ on the useful bits.

20 2 – The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the step a) is performed using an MAP (Maximum a Posteriori) detector.

 3 – The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the steps a) to c) are repeated until the qualitative information is fairly constant.

 4 – The use of the method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, for transmitters using one of the following modulation schemes :
25 BPSK, QPSK, OFDM.